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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2008, at 12 noon.

Senate

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008

(Legislative day of Wednesday, September 17, 2008)

The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise. In light inaccessible hid from our eyes. You have promised in Your Word that "In all labor there is profit." Give our lawmakers today the profit of wise decisions that will bless our land. Deliver them from the paralysis which fails to see that, with many advisers, there is safety. Give our Senators the wisdom to understand Your will and the courage to do Your bidding. If today, Lord, You want them to avoid certain pitfalls, make Your way plain to them. Infuse them with inspired ideas that will transform a turbulent today into a tranquil tomorrow. May our Senators stretch out their hands toward You, depending upon You to lead them to a safe harbor.

Hear our prayer, in the Redeemer's Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 1, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will consider H.R. 7081, the United States-India nuclear agreement. This is an issue that has been worked on long and hard for months and months. Finally, we are having the opportunity to get to it. Senators DORGAN and BINGAMAN have amendments to the bill that will be de-

bated this morning. Under an agreement reached yesterday, there will be up to 60 minutes for debate on the bill and 60 minutes on each amendment.

Following the debate on the United States-India nuclear legislation, the Senate will proceed to consider H.R. 1424, the legislative vehicle used for the economic rescue legislation. The only amendments in order are a Sanders amendment regarding high-income individuals and a Dodd amendment regarding economic stabilization. The Sanders amendment has 60 minutes for debate, and the Dodd amendment has 90 minutes for debate.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2:15 for the caucus luncheons.

At 7 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the House message with respect to the rail safety-Amtrak legislation, H.R. 2095.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a series of up to seven rollcall votes in relation to Amtrak-rail safety, the United States-India nuclear agreement, and the economic rescue package. The Sanders amendment will be determined by voice vote. Votes will be in relation to the following items: motion to concur with respect to H.R. 2095, Amtrak; the Dorgan amendment regarding clarifying the policy in the event of an Indian nuclear test; the Bingaman amendment reporting requirement in the event of an Indian nuclear test; passage of H.R. 7081, the India-United States nuclear agreement, which has a 60-vote threshold—as do the two amendments, the Sanders amendment

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